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NO sound & smoke this Deepavali ?

- **Step to aid COVID management, patients**
- **MCC likely to ban bursting of crackers in residential areas; People can celebrate festival in open spaces within time-limit**

By Shyam Sundar Vattam

Mysuru, Nov. 3- Taking a strong note of prevailing COVID-19 pandemic situation, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), in its efforts to keep the air breathable, is planning to identify open places across city where people can gather to burst limited amount of crackers.

They also plan to have a time-limit within which the people should finish bursting the crackers. This is being done as the smoke emanating from the firecrackers could aggravate the health of COVID-infected patients.

"We will not allow bursting of crackers in residential localities as undisclosed number of Corona positive patients are under home quarantine. The smoke from firecrackers will cause breathlessness among them," a Senior District Official told *Star of Mysore* on the condition of anonymity.

According to him, the Corporation is in the process of identifying big open places in and around the city and other computing details such as Corona patients if any, distance from the ground to their houses, before finalising it. Once it is done, the same will be informed to residents so that they can burn the firecrackers on the specified days and time. In all probability, the number of bursting crackers may be limited to just two hours.

Stalls at Town Hall or J.K. Grounds?

The Official said no decision has been taken regarding setting up of cracker stalls in Town Hall premises following functioning of COVID-19 Testing Centre.

If the Corporation wanted to allow the shopkeepers to set up stalls at Town Hall, the Testing Centre has to be closed temporarily. However, it is ruled out as the District Administration wanted to ramp up testing as much as possible to break the COVID-19 chain. In that case, J.K. Grounds will be the obvious choice to set up the stalls by maintaining distance between the shops. It will be possible for Department of Fire and Emergency Services to take precaution.

COVID-19 test for shop-keepers

It has been tentatively decided to make COVID-19 test mandatory for all those who apply for license to set up the stalls to sell firecrackers. Since thousands of citizens flock the shops to buy crackers, the shop-keepers will be asked to undergo RT-PCR test two days before putting up the stalls. Permission will be given to only those who test 'negative.' Plans are afoot to deploy mobile medical camps at J.K. Grounds to examine people who come to buy firecrackers.

Issue discussed

The Officer said this issue came up for a debate in a meeting convened by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri to take stock of the situation in city and district. MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, Chief Executive Officer of Zilla Panchayat D. Bharathi, District Health Officer Dr. T. Amarnath, District Tuberculosis Officer Dr. Mohammed Shiraz Ahmed and others are said to have discussed on effects of smoke emanating from the firecrackers on COVID-infected patients.

A majority of them favoured imposing a ban on bursting of crackers in residential areas and also fixing time limit within which the citizens must end the celebrations. The Corporation agreed to create awareness campaign across the city in this regard.

The officers decided to wait for the guidelines from Union Health Ministry which is aware of problems to be faced by COVID-infected patients in case the bursting of firecrackers was allowed in thickly polluted residential areas.

Tourist spots and district border will remain open: Deputy Comr.

Mysuru, Nov. 3 (MTY&SSV)- Ruling out closure of all tourist places and inter-State borders, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri has said all preventive steps have been taken to keep COVID-19 under check.

Talking to reporters here on Monday, she asked people to take all precautions as per Union Health Ministry guidelines following reports of possible spurt in Corona positive cases in the coming two to three months.

No doubt the District Administration has taken all possible steps but it was also the responsibility of people to strictly follow safety norms like wearing mask, hand hygiene and social distancing.

Rohini Sindhuri *Dr. Chandragupta*

Testing has been ramped up in city and district by deploying mobile medical camps in Mysore Palace, Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens and other tourist destination. But, the visiting public was not co-operating with the mobile teams to undergo free testing, she added.

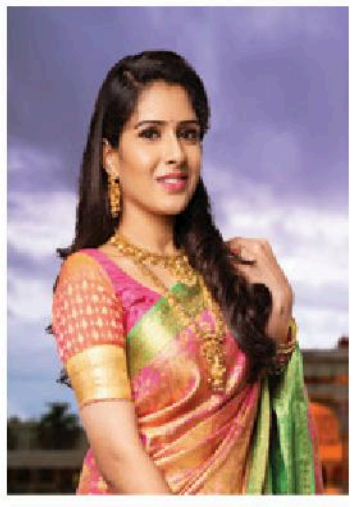
During April-May, COVID-19 situation was very much under control but it went out of control in the subsequent months. However, now the situation has come under control with less number of Corona positive cases and death rates, she added.

(See TOURIST on page 7)

Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	100
Total positive cases	:	47,931
Discharges yesterday	:	165
Total discharges	:	45,455
Deaths yesterday	:	2
Total deaths	:	961
Total active cases	:	1,515



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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 3rd November 2020

Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Nov.3- The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Geography to **C.S. Manjunatha** for his thesis 'An Analysis of Urban Sprawl in Mysore Planning District and its Impact' submitted under the guidance of Dr. B. Chandrashekara.

A. Shalini has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the UoM for her thesis 'Jagnnatha Vijaya mattu Shreeharicharite — Toulanika Adhyayana' [Guide: Dr. D. Vijayalakshmi].

G.S. Bhargavi has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the UoM for her thesis 'Raghavendra Patilara Samagra Sahitya' [Guide: Dr. D. Vijayalakshmi].

N.C. Shilpa has been awarded Ph.D in Business Administration by UoM for her thesis 'Industry Analysis and Financial Strategies of Select Non-Financial Sectors in India' [Guide: Dr. M. Amulya]

H.E. Ravi has been awarded Ph.D in Mathematics by UoM for his thesis 'Some Contributions to Graph Labelings and Energy of Graphs' [Guide:Dr. D.D. Somashekara].

S. Darshan has been awarded Ph.D in Management by the UoM for his thesis 'Buying Behaviour of Luxury Cars — A Study of Price and Brand Conscious Buyers in Selected Cities of Karnataka' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Y.T. Krishne Gowda.

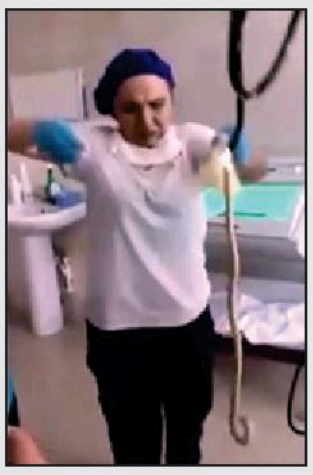
Visvesvaraya Technological University, (VTU), Belagavi, has awarded Ph.D in Mechanical Engineering Sciences to **M. Yogesh** for his thesis 'Fabrication, Mechanical Characterization and Solid Particle Erosion Response of Vinylester Based Hybrid Composites' [Guide: Dr. A.N. Hari Rao].

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Once, a visitor to Ramanashram asked Maharshi which path he should follow. The saint replied: "Before you speak of a path, first find out where are you now. Know first where you are and what you are and then the path will be visible. In fact, there is nothing to be reached. You are always as you really are." Self is Consciousness by which one is able to experience existence in all stages of life like youth, middle age and old age and in all states like deep sleep, dream and waking. Though Consciousness reveals itself at all times, the individual is not able to realise it because he falsely identifies himself with the mind and body. The false notion of 'i' the ego continues to delude the individual. As he grows, it becomes a conviction; with the result he forgets svarupa, his innate, real and essential nature. To rescue the individual from delusion, Maharshi advised him to enquire: 'Who Am I"?When he negates those elements like mind and body which do not constitute his nature, the pure 'I' alone remains, leading to Self-realisation. — V. S. Krishnan in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Doctors pull 4ft snake from woman's throat



Levashi: It was a shocking moment for the doctors as they pulled out a 4 ft. long snake from a woman's mouth. The creature had reportedly slithered into her throat as she slept in her garden in Levashi, a village in Dagestan, Southern Russia.

Feeling unwell, the young woman was rushed to hospital where she was put to sleep.

As one of the doctors slowly pulls the snake out another medic grabs it, but then jumps back and screams as she realises just how long the snake is.

The snake was dropped into a medical bucket. It's unclear if the snake was alive or dead, or how long it was trapped inside the woman.

119 live tarantulas found hidden inside shoes

Manila: Airport staff in the Philippines have discovered 119 live tarantula spiders hidden inside a pair of shoes. According to a Facebook post by the Bureau of Customs, staff members at Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) found the spiders inside a parcel shipped by a certain "Michal Krolicki" from Poland. The parcel was addressed to a consignee in General Trias, Cavite.

It was intercepted on Oct. 28 when customs officials noticed that the parcel was oddly shaped. Customs examiners uncovered different species of live tarantulas in individual plastic vials.

"The seized tarantulas were immediately turned over to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Wildlife Traffic Monitoring Unit (DENR WTMU) on October 29 for proper handling and disposal," they added.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What is whole-grain flour?

Whole-grain flour contains the germ, the bran and the endosperm in amounts equal to those found in intact grains. But sometimes a manufacturer will add back the germ and bran to the white flour and call it "whole-grain flour." The reconstituted grain may contain added conditioners and may have lost some nutrients in processing.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	92
Total positive cases	:	16,915
Total discharges	:	15,921
Total deaths	:	142
Total active cases	:	852

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	19
Total positive cases	:	6,011
Total discharges	:	5,681
Total deaths	:	113
Total active cases	:	206

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	3
Total positive cases	:	4,892
Total discharges	:	4,662
Total deaths	:	63
Total active cases	:	167

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	87
Total positive cases	:	25,186
Total discharges	:	23,590
Total deaths	:	373
Total active cases	:	1,223

Really...?

- ***The Nobel Prizes commenced in 1901. The recipients of the first Nobel Prizes were given 150,782 SEK. In 2018, the laureates were awarded a prize amount of 9,000,000 SEK. The Nobel Prize money varies every year. A total of 597 Nobel awards have been given to 950 Nobel Laureates between 1901 - 2019.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

PE teacher: "Look at me, I exercise every day and I can lift three hundred pounds."

"That's nothing, sir," shouted a boy. "I know a woman who can lift five hundred pounds."

"Good gracious, who's that?" gasped the teacher.

"A cashier at the bank, Sir!"

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.34
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 96.07
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.24
1 Euro	= Rs. 86.66

VOICE OF THE READER

Swachh Bharat Lesson: An eye-opener for citizens

Sir,

Kudos to Madetira Thimmaiah, ex-GP President, Kadagadaalu in Kodagu district, for reminding the responsibilities to the youths of the country to keep our country clean by calling the youths from our city to come and pick-up the trash thrown by them on to the roadside in Kodagu (Swachh Bharat Lesson, *SOM* dated Oct. 31) and it needs appreciation from one and all for his action. Though they have done an avoidable act, the youths also need appreciation for not ignoring the call and quickly going back to the place and picking the trash.

Adding to this incident, very recently, I have seen someone throwing an empty ice-cream cup from a moving car on one of the main roads of the city. Elders accompanying in the car could have prevented it if the cup is thrown by a child. This type of incidents dilute the efforts of the civic workers, who are trying to keep the cities clean.

Though these are isolated instances, it should become an eye-opener for the citizens in turning our country to 'Swachh Bharat'.

—Dr. S.V.N. Vijayendra
Roopanagar
2.11.2020

Target practice by RPF at Dodda Byadarahalli Firing Range: Villagers cautioned

Mysuru, Nov.3- The Railway Protection Force (RPF), Mysuru Division, South Western Railway, will be conducting the Annual Range Classification target practice from Nov. 4 to Nov. 6, 2020 at Dodda Byadarahalli firing range of Mandya District from 5 am onwards on the given days. Therefore the neighbouring villagers are requested to avoid movement of people and livestock in and around of Dodda Byadarahalli firing range of Mandya District to avoid any untoward incidents on the said days, according to a press release from Priya Shetty, Divisional Commercial Manager and Sr. PRO.

Power disruption tomorrow

Mysuru, Nov. 3- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas:

KVFTS Power Distribution Centre: NR Mohalla, Bada Makhan, Subhashnagar and surrounding areas.

Vajamangala Power Distribution Centre: JSS Layout 2nd stage, Yandahalli, Vasanthanagar, Nadanahalli, Bannur road and surrounding areas.

Obituary

Rathnamma

Mysuru, Nov. 3- Rathnamma (95), a resident of Vidyaranyapuram, passed away yesterday at her residence in city.

A native of Gundlupet, she leaves behind one son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill last evening.

Rajagopal

Rajagopal (90), a resident of Sunnadakeri, passed away yesterday in city. He was a well-known painter and had undertaken painting of Mysore Palace and many heritage structures in city.

He leaves behind his sons, daughters, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill last evening, according to family sources.

Mandetira Muthappa

Madikeri: Mandetira Muthappa (79), a resident of Kakotuparambu in Virajpet taluk, passed away yesterday at his residence.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, daughter-in-law, one daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Kakotuparambu this afternoon, according to family sources.

JITO office-bearers installed

The office-bearers of the new Jain International Trade Organisation (JITO), Mysuru Chapter, for the year 2020-22 were installed at a function organised in city on Oct. 18. The new office-bearers are** (standing from left) **Rajan Baghmar, Kiran Jain, Amarchand Dak and Jaykumar Salecha;** (sitting from left) **Bherulal Pitliya, Manohar Sankla, Chairman Chandragupt V. Jain Katariya, Mahaveer P. Jain Gadiya and Arun Bafna. The new office-bearers were administered oath of office by Paras Jain Bhandari, Vice-Chairman of JITO Apex, in the presence of Omprakash, Chairman of JITO KKG Zone and Praveen Bafna, Chief Secretary of JITO KKG Zone. Ganpatraj Chowdhary, Chairman of JITO Apex, graced the occasion virtually. Outgoing Chairman Praveen Dantewadia welcomed. Outgoing Chief Secretary Deepak Kumar Jain briefed about the Chapter activities. Incoming Chairman Chandragupta V. Jain gave his consent and vision for the term 2020-22. Outgoing Ladies Wing Secretary Santosh Salecha and Youth Wing Chairman Kumarpal Jain presented their activities reports. Bhavna R. Jain and Tarun Kanted took charge as Ladies Wing Chairperson and Youth Wing Chairman respectively. Jaykumar Salecha proposed a vote of thanks.

"Meri Saheli" initiative for focused action on security of women travelling in trains

Mysuru, Nov.3- The Railway Protection Force (RPF), Mysuru Division, South Western Railways (SWR), as per the directives of Director General, RPF, has launched "Meri Saheli" initiative for focused action on security of women across the division with an objective to provide safety and security to lady passengers travelling by trains for their entire journey from starting station to destination station.

This initiative entails interaction with lady passengers, especially those travelling alone, by a team of young lady Railway Protection Force personnel at the originating station. These lady passengers are briefed about all precautions to be taken during the journey and are advised to dial 182 in case they face or see any problem in the coach.

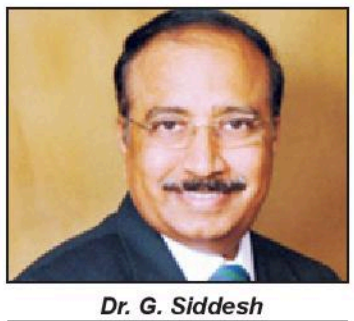
The Railway Protection Force team collects the seat numbers of the lady passengers and conveys them to RPF station stoppages en-route. The platform duty Railway Protection Force personnel at the stopping stations en-route keep unobtrusive watch over the concerned coaches and berths and if need arises, interact with the lady passengers. RPF/RPSF escort onboard also covers all the coaches and identified berths during its duty period.

RPF teams at the destination collect feedback from the identified lady passengers. The feedback is then analysed and corrective action, if any, is taken. If some distress call comes from a train covered under "Meri Saheli" initiative, the disposal of the call is monitored at the level of senior officers, according to a press release from SWR, Mysuru.

Elected as ASI President

Mysuru, Nov. 3- Dr. G. Siddesh, Director, SIGMA Hospital, Mysuru, has been elected to the Association of Surgeons of India (ASI) — as Vice-President for 2021 and as President for 2022 — the world's second largest Association of Surgeons.

A Professor, former HoD of Surgery and a renowned Surgeon of Laparoscopic Surgery and Endoscopy, Dr. Siddesh has conducted a number of CME programme at State, National and International level. During COVID pandemic, he has conducted many virtual CMEs also. In 2016, he hosted ASI Conference in Mysuru as Hon. Secretary of the same Association.



Dr. G. Siddesh

NEWS BRIEFS

52nd AGM of MRC

The 52nd Annual General Body Meeting of the members of Mysore Race Club Ltd., Mysuru, will be held at the Registered Office of the Club at 11 am on Nov. 23, according to a press release from MRC Chairman Dr. N. Nithyanand Rao.

Mass marriage

Suttur Mutt will be conducting a free mass marriage at Suttur in Nanjangud taluk on Nov. 19. Bridegrooms aged over 21 years and brides aged over 18 years can register along with all necessary details at least 8 days before the date of marriage. Also, all the participants are required to follow COVID-19 norms. For registration, contact Ph: 08221-232217 or 232033 or Mob: 97413-42222.

Date extended

The last date has been extended for offline admission to 1st year and 2nd year (lateral entry) for all Diploma courses in D. Banumaiah's Polytechnic. Interested eligible students may contact the College before Nov. 14 with original documents. [Ph: 0821-2451317 or Mob: 99451-35657].

Office-bearers of Railway Pensioners Association

Parthasarathy *G.S. Swaminathan*

Parthasarathy, retired Divisional Financial Manager, was elected as President and G.S. Swaminathan, retired Personal Secretary and Advocate, as General Secretary of Railway Pensioners Welfare Association, Mysuru, unanimously in the Working Committee meeting held on Oct. 10.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	124.19 ft
Yesterday	124.26 ft
Inflow	4,939 cusecs
Outflow	5,862 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,280.46 ft
Inflow	1,001 cusecs
Outflow	2,090 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,855.86 ft
Inflow	279 cusecs
Outflow	1,850 cusecs

Four persons arrested for trying to sell elephant tusks in city

Eight tusks weighing 25 kg seized

Mysuru, Nov. 3 (MTY&KS)- Four persons including two from Kerala have been arrested by the Mysuru Forest Mobile Squad while they were trying to sell elephant tusks in city and have seized eight tusks weighing 25 kg from them.

The arrested are Prestine Silva and Jayaprakash of Thiruvananthapuram (Trivandrum) in Kerala, Mohan and Ramesh of Udayagiri in Mysuru.

Acting on a tip off that four persons were trying to sell ivory near the Railway Under-bridge, close to Highway Circle, the Forest staff, who surrounded the place, succeeded in nabbing the accused and seized the tusks from them, besides seizing a scooter (KA-09-HY-5438) used for the crime.

It is learnt that out of the eight tusks, six were very old and two tusks were approximately 10 years old.

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (APCCF) Jagath Ram, Mysuru Forest Mobile Squad Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) A.T. Poovaiah and Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) Suvarna, supervised Range Forest Officer (RFO) Vivek, Deputy Range Forest Officers (DRFOs) Mohan, Lakshmish, Sundar, Pramod, Tushara, Sneha and Meghana and staff Channabasavaiah, Govinda, Ravinandan, Ravikumar, Mahantesh, Madhu, Puttaswamy and others in the nabbing and seizing operation.

Man nabbed for attempting to sell Monitor Lizard

Mysuru, Nov. 3 (MTY&KS)- The Mysuru Forest Mobile Squad personnel have arrested a man, who was trying to sell a Monitor Lizard at Srirangapatna and have rescued the Monitor Lizard from him. The arrested is Ramanji alias Ramachari of Bovi Colony in Srirangapatna.

Acting on a tip off that a man was trying to sell a Monitor Lizard in Srirangapatna on Friday evening, the Forest Mobile Squad personnel raided the spot and found the accused along with the Monitor Lizard in a gunny bag and immediately arrested him besides rescuing the reptile.

During interrogation, the accused is said to have told the Forest officials that he found the Monitor Lizard in the drain near his house and had caught the reptile to sell it.

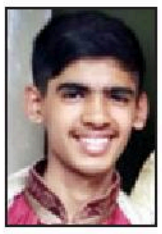
The accused was subjected to COVID test and was produced before the Magistrate, who remanded him to judicial custody.

Mysuru Forest Mobile Squad DCF A.T. Poovaiah supervised Range Forest Officer (RFO) Vivek, DRFOs Mohan Kumar, Lakshmish, Pramod & Sundar and staff Govind, Channabasavaiah and Ravikumar in the operation.

Engineering student allegedly stabbed by friend in N'gud

- Accused beaten black and blue by villagers
- Cops to obtain statements this evening

Nanjangud, Nov. 3 (RS&KS)- An Engineering student has been allegedly stabbed by his friend in an attempt to murder him. The incident took place at Banchalli Hundi village, behind South India Paper Mill (SIPM), in the taluk last night.



Injured Rohan

While the seriously injured Engineering student has been identified as 19-year-old Rohan, son of Manjunath of Banchalli Hundi village, the accused, who happens to be the friend of Rohan is 19-year-old Dilshad, son of Irshad and a resident of Thandavapura. Both were said to be childhood friends. Rohan used to stay in the room on the first floor of his house while his family members stayed in the ground floor.

Yesterday night, Dilshad, who went to Rohan's room and suddenly attacked him with a knife and reportedly stabbed him (Rohan) on his neck. As Rohan bent back, the injury was not deep but was bleeding profusely with serious injuries.

Rohan, who tried to prevent Dilshad from attacking him began to scream for help attracting his family members, neighbours and villagers. The villagers, who caught hold of Dilshad beat him black and blue, it is learnt.

Nanjangud Circle Inspector Lakshmikanth Talawar, speaking to *Star of Mysore*, said that both Rohan and Dilshad have been admitted to a hospital and added that the doctors informed that Rohan was out of danger.

The Circle Inspector further said that Rohan and Dilshad were childhood friends and the reason for Dilshad attempting to murder Rohan would be known only after interrogation. Meanwhile, it is learnt that the Police would be collecting statements from both this evening.

Dy.SP Prabhakar Rao Shinde, Circle Inspector Lakshmikanth Talawar, Nanjangud Rural Sub-Inspector Satish and staff, visited the spot and conducted preliminary investigation.

A case has been registered at Nanjangud Rural Police Station in this regard.

Man missing

Mysuru, Nov. 3 (KS)- A 60-year-old man has gone missing since Oct. 14, according to a complaint lodged by his wife with the Police.

Rudra

The missing man is Rudra, a resident of Kamanakere Hundi village in the taluk, coming under Mysuru South Police.

He is oily red complexioned, has black moles on the fingers of both hands and legs and has marks of fungal skin infection on his chin and was wearing a cream coloured full arm shirt and black pant at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the missing person, may contact Mysuru South Police Station on Ph: 0821-2444955 or the District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800, according to a press release from the Sub-Inspector, Mysuru South Police Station, Mysuru.

MM Hills temple re-opens for devotees

People can have darshan from 4 am till 10 pm on all days

Mysuru, Nov. 3 (DM&SOMG)- The famous Male Mahadeshwara Hills Temple (MM Hills) in Hanur taluk of Chamarajanagar district, has been re-opened for devotees to its pre-COVID days and accordingly, the devotees can stay for the night at the temple dormitories atop the Hills.

The temple was totally shut for devotees following the COVID-19 induced lockdown in March this year and was re-opened for devotees in September, post relaxation in lockdown norms, with several restrictions in place

The MM Hills Temple Development Authority Secretary Jayavibhavaswamy said that all puja services at the temple have started taking place from Nov.1.

Pointing out that the usual morning *abhisheka* will take

place at 4 am and the evening one at 7 pm, he said that all other rituals and *sevas* will be held as before. However, children below 12 years and persons aged over 65 years will not be allowed inside the temple.

Noting that all cottages and dormitories of the temple are available on rent for devotees, he said that all the rooms have been sanitised. Also, any room, dormitory or cottage, once they get vacated in full, will be sanitised and all the beddings will be changed, for which an additional fee of Rs.100 will be charged for every room.

Stating that it is mandatory for all devotees to wear face masks, use hand sanitisers and maintain physical distancing as a precautionary and safety measure to prevent the spread of the virus, he said that all the devotees are required to follow the do's and don'ts displayed on the noticeboards and announced through public address systems. Apart from lodges, cottages and dormitories, devotees are banned from sleeping in front of the temple or any other vacant space in the vicinity of the temple for the night.

Continuing, Jayavibhavaswamy said *Mudi Seve* (head tonsuring) has restarted at the temple with all necessary precautionary measures in place and online booking of tickets for all *sevas* have also started (online booking website: *mmhillstemple.com*).

"An exclusive helpline will be commissioned in three days for the benefit of devotees, which will function 24x7. Till then, the devotees can call Ph: 08225-272121 for any help or information regarding *sevas* and rituals," he said.

He further said that the temple will be open for devotees from 4 am till 10 pm from now onwards, during which all *sevas* will be done as before.

However, there will be only *prasada* distribution and no lunch or dinner (mass feeding) will be served for devotees, Jayavibhavaswamy added.

Devotees can stay at Suttur Mutt Guest House atop MM Hills

Mysuru, Nov. 3- A couple of days after the Government allowed devotees to visit the famous MM Hills temple in Chamarajanagar district for taking part in all rituals just as during the pre-lockdown days, the Suttur Mutt has thrown open its Guest House atop MM Hills again for devotees, with all COVID-19 precautionary and safety measures in place.

Accordingly, all devotees wishing to stay at the Guest House are required to mandatorily undergo thermal screening, wear face mask, use hand sanitisers and maintain physical distancing. For more details, call Mob: 72599-75555.

Rajyotsava Week: Unique campaign by Aam Aadmi Party in city

Mysuru, Nov.3- As part of Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Mysuru District President Malavika Gubbivani has started a unique campaign of distributing a book titled "Simply Speak" to help those who do not know Kannada, particularly the non-Kannada speaking employees, who have been posted in Banks and other Central Government Offices.

AAP volunteers visited Indian Overseas Bank, Union Bank, Indian Bank, Canara Bank and Bank of Baroda branches in and around Vijayanagar, greeted the staff and urged them to learn and speak in Kannada.

Nasrin Taj, Renuka Prasada, Shivkumar and Raju participated in the campaign. Since Nov. 1 was a holiday, the whole week will be celebrated

by AAP as Rajyotsava Week and hundreds of books will be distributed.

Malavika has urged Donors and Institutions to join hands with AAP or take up such projects as part of their Rajyotsava celebrations.

Malavika had earlier organised campaign and protests demanding increased usage of Kannada in Banks and also for conducting Banking examination in Kannada, according to a press release from G.R. Vidyaranya, Media Coordinator, AAP.

BJP Core Committee meeting at Mangaluru tomorrow

Bengaluru, Nov.3 (KMS&DM)- A day after the Sira and R.R. Nagar Assembly by-polls, the BJP will be holding a Core Committee meeting at Mangaluru tomorrow (Nov.4), to discuss the functioning of the Government and further measures needed for organising the party at the grassroots level.

The meeting will take place at a private hotel.

The meeting comes following directions from the party top brass in New Delhi. State BJP President Nalin Kumar Kateel, who is also Mangaluru MP, will chair the meeting.

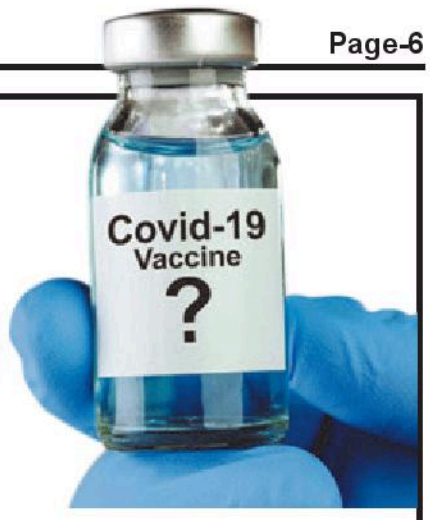
13 supporters of MLA G.T. Devegowda elected unopposed to TAPCMS

Mysuru, Nov.3 (RKB&DM)- As many as 13 supporters of Chamundeshwari JD(S) MLA G.T. Devegowda were elected unopposed in the election to the Administrative Council of Mysuru Taluk Agricultural Produce Co-operative Marketing Society (TAPCMS) held yesterday. All the elected members will have a five-year term.

Those elected were Honnagiri Gowda of Dasanakoppalu, H. Gopal of Kaamanakerehundi, M.B. Manjunath of Harohalli, M. Kumar of Chikkahalli, Annaiah of Yeraganahalli, all from 'A' Category; Chandrashekar of Bogadi, Prakash of Kaamanakerehundi, Lalithamma of Kumbarakoppal, Rukmini of Bogadi, Yogesh of Jattihundi, Ramakrishnachari of Mavinahalli, Andani of Gopalapura and Renuka of Jayapura, all from 'B' Category.

The newly-elected members felicitated MCDCC Bank President G.D. Harish Gowda, son of MLA G.T. Devegowda, on the occasion.

Musings on COVID-19 Vaccine



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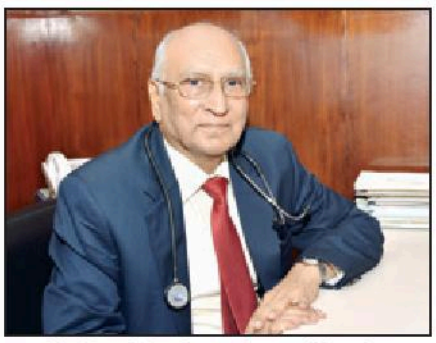

By Dr. C.D. Sreenivasa Murthy

Vaccine is defined as a substance used to stimulate the production of antibodies and provide immunity against one or several diseases, prepared from the causative agent of a disease, its products, or a synthetic substitute, treated to act as an antigen without inducing the disease.

The first vaccine in history is the smallpox vaccine. Edward Jenner, a rural medical practitioner, observed that children who had cowpox were immune to smallpox. In 1796, he started injecting children with cowpox to protect them against smallpox, and thus the science of vaccination was born. Thanks to universal vaccination, this once deadly disease which caused many pandemics in history and decimated large populations, has been eliminated from the world, and present day children are no longer vaccinated against smallpox.

Edward Jenner

Edward Jenner has been rightly called the Father of Vaccines. Now we have vaccines against many dreaded diseases like Tuberculosis, Polio, Cholera, Measles, Mumps, Ebola etc., and thanks to many of these preventive vaccines, the present generation of children lead very healthy lives.

It is nearly a year since the first cases of COVID-19 were reported from Wuhan City in China. Since then COVID has become a dreaded pandemic affecting millions all over the world and nearly a million people have died in the world from this disease. It looks like this pandemic may become endemic and go on for one or two years or even more.

Thishighlycontagiousdiseasehasdevastated and shrunk the world economy. Hence, it is natural that there has been a race to produce a vaccine for the prevention of its spread and save lives.

Vaccine research work began in January with the deciphering of the SARS-CoV-2 genome. The first vaccine safety trials in humans started in March. Many countries are trying to produce a vaccine, and as of now there are nearly one hundred vaccines being developed all over the world. Historically, it has taken between two to ten years to do research and develop a vaccine to be made available for universal use. But due to the urgency of the severe spread of the disease and consequent loss of lives, there is a dire need of a vaccine. Modern scientific advances have helped. Many research institutions and vaccine producing companies have been able to develop these in the short span of the last 10 months, and of these a few vaccines are in late stage clinical trials.

A vaccine mimics a natural infection, induces immune responses and protects from future infections. Generally there are four types of vaccines. Some vaccines use the whole Coronavirus, but in a killed or weakened state. Others use only part of the virus — whether a protein or a fragment. Some transfer the Coronavirus proteins into a different virus that is unlikely to cause disease or even incapable of it. Finally, some vaccines under development rely on deploying pieces of the Coronavirus' genetic material, so our cells can temporarily make the Coronavirus proteins needed to stimulate our immune systems.

Development of a vaccine is a long and very complex process. Before its release for public use, it has to go through various stages of clinical trials to ensure the efficacy and safety of its use. The phase one trials consist of pre-clinical studies (namely, before being tested on humans), on cell cultures, mice and monkeys. Usually, this phase takes about 6 months to 2 years.

After the first stage, the developing institution approaches the drug regulator of the country (example: FDA in USA) with all the data for further trials. After permission of the authority the phase two trials are launched. This phase is a randomised controlled trial with a placebo group. A placebo is a substance that has no therapeutic effect, but is used as a control in testing new drugs. This is done to assess whether the vaccine is safe and whether there is an immune response, and to determine the dose and the immunisation schedule.

When the phase two trials are satisfactory and there are no major side effects, the vaccine will go for phase three trials. In this phase, the vaccine is used on a large number of volunteers, 20,000 to 40,000 people. Also in this phase, the safety profile, the immune response, the duration and the length of protection of the vaccine are evaluated.

Generally, the manufacturing companies set up the production units after the approval of the vaccine by the authorities concerned. In view of the urgency of the requirement, drug-making companies are setting up the manufacturing capacities simultaneously even as the trials are going on.

COVAXIN is India's indigenous COVID-19 vaccine which Bharat Biotech is developing in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and National Institute of Virology (NIV). This indigenous, inactivated vaccine is being developed and manufactured in Bharat Biotech's BSL-3 (Biosafety Level 3) high containment facility. Recently it has been approved for phase three trials by ICMR.

ZYCOV-D is another Indian vaccine being developed by Zydus Cadila. It is a plasmid DNA vaccine and Zydus has commenced Phase II trial.

Covishield is the Indian name for a vaccine being developed by Oxford University in association with the pharma giant AstraZeneca. This Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine is expected to be one of the first from international pharma giants to secure regulatory approval. The news that older people get an immune response from this vaccine is very encouraging because the immune system weakens with age and older people are those most at risk of dying from the virus.

Oxford and AstraZeneca have licensed the Serum Institute of India (SII) to manufacture this vaccine in India. SII and ICMR are jointly conducting a Phase II and III, Observer-Blind, Randomized, Controlled Study to Determine the Safety and Immunogenicity of Covishield vaccine.

It is a matter of pride for Mysureans that JSS Hospital and Medical College (JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research) in our city is one of the few advanced medical centres in India that has been selected by ICMR for conducting trials of this vaccine.

Pfizer, Johnson and Johnson, Novavox and Moderna are some of the pharma majors whose vaccines are in advanced trials in the USA. Till now five or six vaccines in phase three trials are likely to be available for universal use in 6 to 18 months. But even when the vaccines are available, there are many logistical hurdles. If everyone in the world has to be vaccinated, eight billion doses are required. They require investment for vaccine production and ancillaries like packaging material, glass vials and syringes and the cold chain, and require hundreds of billions of dollars investment worldwide. As the vaccine becomes available, every nation has to have a policy of its equitable distribution, irrespective of financial status. Every country has to define a policy as to who will get the vaccine first. The World Health Organisation has not yet issued guidelines for this purpose.

In the coming months, we all hope to have good news about a vaccine for COVID-19. But if and when we have an effective vaccine, we must also use it effectively. In time, as production increases, we want all people everywhere to have access to vaccines. But initially, when supply is limited, priority must be given to vaccinating essential workers and those most at risk — including older people and those with underlying conditions. In other words, the first priority must be to vaccinate some people in all countries, rather than all people in some countries.

Let us hope and pray there will be a vaccine soon to deliver us from this killer disease of COVID-19.

JSS Hospital and Medical College in Mysuru is one of the medical centres in India selected by ICMR for conducting vaccine trials.

Moderate start for polling in Sira, R.R. Nagar by-elections

Counting of votes on Nov.10

Bengaluru,Nov.3 - Amid COVID-19 pandemic, the by-election for Sira in Tumakuru district and Raja Rajeshwari Nagar (R.R. Nagar) in Bengaluru city Assembly Constituencies began on a dull note this morning. Voters seemed to be reluctant to come out and cast their ballot in the wake of the deadly pandemic.

As on 1 pm, the polling percentage in R.R. Nagar was 26.58 per cent. However, the voting percentage at Sira was not available when we went to the press.

The election authorities are expecting a good turnout and have put all COVID-19 measures in place as prescribed by the Union Health Ministry at all polling booths to ensure the safety of voters.

The polling began at a sedate note at 7am, but picked up pace as hours passed by. The polling will end at 6 pm. The counting of votes will be take place Nov. 10 and the results will be announced.

Both the Constituencies are witnessing a keen battle between the three major parties — BJP, Congress and the JD(S). While the Sira by-election was necessitated by the death of sitting MLA B. Sathyanarayan of the JD(S), the by-poll for R.R. Nagar was necessitated by the resignation of Congress MLA Munirathna.

In R.R. Nagar, Munirathna is the BJP candidate, while the Congress has fielded H. Kusuma, a political novice and the JD(S) has placed its bets on Krishnamurthy, a party leader from West Bengaluru. While Munirathna is banking on the support of party workers, Congress candidate Kusuma, who is the wife of late IAS Officer D.K. Ravi, is depending upon the sympathy votes of her late husband. JD(S) candidate Krishnamurthy is banking on the charisma of former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy and the party supremo H.D. Devegowda.

In Sira, the BJP has fielded Dr.C.M. Rajesh Gowda, while the JD(S) has fielded Ammajamma, wife of late MLA B. Sathyanarayan and the Congress has fielded its old war horse T.B. Jayachandra, a former Minister. BJP candidate Rajesh Gowda is the son of former Chitradurga Congress MP C.P. Moodalagiriyappa. Gowda had switched over to the BJP from the Congress just a few days ago.

The voters were given gloves and only face mask worn voters were allowed inside the polling booth. Thermal screening of every voter was done at the entrance of the polling booth.

COVID positive patients are allowed to cast their votes between 4 pm and 6 pm. Vehicles have been arranged to pick up and drop them by the Election Commission of India. During that time, the poll personnel will wear PPE kits and after voting by COVID patients, the Electronic Voting Machines will be sanitised before shifting them to the respective counting centres.

Along with Sira and R.R. Nagar, as many as 54 Assembly segments in 11 States and one Lok Sabha Constituency also witnessed by-polls today.

Missing names

Voters of R.R. Nagar complained to the polling official;s about their names missing in the voters' list. They contended that they had voted in previous election but their names have gone missing now.

So far, voting at both the Assembly segments has been peaceful, thanks to elaborate security arrangements being made by Police.

Land lost farmers stage snap stir

Demand jobs for kin in factory

Mysuru, Nov.3 (PM&DM)- Land lost farmers of Immavu village staged a dharna at the park near the Office of the Deputy Commissioner this morning demanding jobs for their kin in a paint factory.

They accused the factory management at Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) of not keeping up their promise of 'jobs for a member of the family' in the factory. Believing them, a large number of farmers had parted their land to set up the factory.

Stating that the KIADB had acquired 175 acres of land at Immavu Industrial Area in Nanjangud taluk a few years ago for the setting up of a reputed paint factory, after the paint factory management had assured of a job to one member of land loser family, the protestors said that the paint factory management had not kept their promise and urged the them to keep their promise by immediately giving jobs for them in the factory.

Calling for the intervention of the district administration for rendering justice to them, the protestors warned of intensifying their stir if they were not provided jobs in the paint factory as promised.

Farmer leaders Hoskote Basavaraju and Prasanna N. Gowda, Trade Union leader Chandrashekar Meti and others took part in the protest.

Tourist spots and District border will remain open: Deputy Comr.

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Continuing, the DC said that the next two months were very crucial in the wake of reports about the likelihood of explosion in Corona positive cases. The District Administration wanted the citizens to co-operate to fight against pandemic. DC Rohini categorically said there was no shortage of oxygen, oxygenated beds or general beds in the entire district. All hospitals were equipped to deal with COVID patients. Oxygenated beds have been increased even in rural areas. The number of positive cases has come down due to increase in testing and immediate treatment for Corona positive patients, she claimed.

Top Cop's special meeting

Meanwhile, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta held a special meeting in the wake of directions from the Union Government to take up a public campaign to check pandemic. The City Top Cop has asked all Police Inspectors to identify places where large crowd gather on festival days well in advance and to prepare Standard Operating Procedures.

The staff must spend at least two hours in crowded places to explain people on the importance of wearing mask and use of hand sanitiser and to join hands with local associations and non-governmental organisations to hold awareness workshop on COVID. Each Police Station must ensure that the awareness message reach at least 1,000 people in their limits. To make this drive attractive, services of local artistes could be used.

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Are these the right saplings to be planted on median?

Are these saplings planted on the median between Vontikoppal Temple Circle and DRM Hospital the right saplings to be planted on road medians? One of SOM readers, who has sent the photo, says that these saplings when fully grown mars the vision of motorists coming on the other side which may lead to accidents. He says that plants planted on medians should not grow tall and should be not more than 3 ft. tall to allow motorists to see on-coming vehicles on the other side of the road while taking a turn. Also, a few members of the public stated that once the saplings grow tall, they would be cut by miscreants or will be removed by the authorities concerned for causing obstruction to motorists and added, why give life and then take it later. The public have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to replant the saplings on roadsides as they can grow tall and give shade and shelter.

Blocked drain causing problems at Kashipathi Agrahara

A drain at Kashipathi Agrahara in K.R. Mohalla is blocked with plants and grass grown in it and is emanating foul smell which is causing a lot of problems to the residents. Also, mosquitoes have increased as the stagnant water has become a perfect place for mosquitoes to breed. The residents have urged the authorities concerned to get the drain cleaned at the earliest.

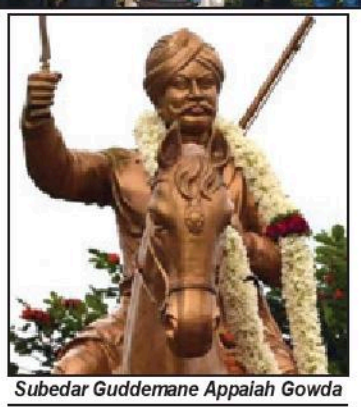
Subedar Guddemane Appaiah Gowda Memorial Day observed in city

Mysuru, Nov. 3- Nammuru Nammoru Samaja Seva Trust, Mysuru, observed Martyred Freedom Fighter Subedar Guddemane Appaiah Gowda Memorial Day at an event held at Jaladarshini Guest House recently.

Veteran writer Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar (CPK) inaugurated the programme by showering petals on the portrait of Appaiah Gowda.

Speaking on the occasion, CPK said that the year 1857 is a very significant year in the history of freedom struggle. Pointing out that the 1857 Sepoy Mutiny was the first major battle in the fight for the country's independence from the Britishers, he said that we have read about great freedom warriors such as Mangal Pandey and Tatya Tope who laid down their lives.

Noting that the first independence revolution took place in 1837, 20 years before the sepoy mutiny of 1857, the veteran writer said that many great freedom fighters such as Tipu Sultan, Rani



Subedar Guddemane Appaiah Gowda

Chennamma, Sangolli Rayanna, Parampara of Kodagu, Kalyanaswamy, Guddemane Appaiah Gowda, Kedambadi Ramegowda and Kudiya brothers had laid down their lives much earlier fighting the Britishers.

Recalling that the people of Kodagu revolted when the Britishers divided the then Coorg State into Kasaragod, Puttur and Sullia and brought them under Madras Province, he said that warriors from Kodagu such as Nanjaiah, Kedambadi Ramegowda and Guddemane Appaiah Gowda are an inspiration for generations to come.

Noting that Appaiah Gowda led the 'Katukai battle' (Amara Sullia Dange) against the British in 1837, Dr. CPK said that he was one of the greatest heroes Kodagu has produced. Stating that Appaiah Gowda was a symbol of patriotism, self-respect and pride of Kodagu, he said that Appaiah Gowda, who was hanged by the British in front of Madikeri Fort in 1837 for leading protests against colonial power, did not want outsiders to have a say in the affairs of Kodagu.

He urged the Government to set up an Authority for sensitising the public on the sacrifices made by Appaiah Gowda and all other great freedom fighters of the times and on the significance of Amara Sullia Dange (Sullia rebellion).

Trust President Satish Gowda, Vice-President Kumar Gowda, Gen. Secretary A. Ravi, Dist. Vokkaliga Assn. Vice-President Gururaj, Director Ravi, Dentist Lokesh and others were present.

Trade Unions call for nationwide general strike on Nov. 26

Mysuru, Nov. 3 (PM&DM)- Accusing the Centre of pursuing anti-labour policies, the Joint Action Committee of Trade Unions has called for a nationwide general strike on Nov. 26.

Announcing this at a press meet here recently, the Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) State General Secretary Meenakshi Sundaram said that the general strike has been called in protest against the Centre's anti-labour and anti-people policies.

Claiming that most Trade Unions of the Country including Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC), Hind Mazdoor Sabha (HMS), All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC), CITU, All India Central Council of Trade Unions (AICCTU), All India United Trade Union Centre (AIUTUC), Trade Union Coordination Centre (TUCC), Hind Mazdoor Kisan Panchayat (HMKP), Labour Progressive Federation (LPF) and Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA), have expressed their support for the nationwide strike, Meenakshi Sundaram expressed the hope that the Nov. 26 general strike will get transformed into a massive Movement across the country.

Sundaram also wanted the Centre to pay Rs. 7,500 per month to every family which do not come under Income Tax bracket and distribute 10-kg of food grains in the wake of COVID-19 crisis, to scrap voluntary retirement scheme and to shelve privatisation policy.

CITU Office-bearers K.N. Umesh, H.S. Sunanda, G. Jayaram and Balaji Rao were present during the press meet.

Farmers to take out 'Delhi Chalo'

Mysuru, Nov. 3 (PM&DM)- Urging the Centre to withdraw Farm Bills, which they claimed were anti-farmer, thousands of farmers from across the country and the State, under the banner of Akhila Bharata Raitha Sangharsha Samanvaya Samiti, will take out a 'Delhi Chalo' stir on Nov. 26 and 27.

Announcing this at a press meet at Jaladarshini Guest House here recently, Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS) and Hasiru Sene State President Badagalapura Nagendra said that the Farm Bills introduced by the Centre were against the interests of the farming community.

Accusing the Centre of introducing Farm Bills, Power Bill and Labour Bill and making amendments to Essential Commodities Act, all of which were against the interests of the farmers and the common man, Nagendra urged the Government to immediately withdraw the Bills and amendments.

He also urged the Centre to announce a Rs. 1 lakh crore special package for the State in the wake of floods and drought over the past few years.

Accusing the State Government of making amendments to Land Reforms Act, APMC Act and Industrial Disputes Act in order to favour corporates, he warned of launching a massive Movement and laying siege to Vidhana Soudha if the Government failed to repeal them.

KRRS office-bearers Hoskote Basavaraj, Netravati, P. Marankaiah and others were present during the press meet.

Nominated to National DST Committees

Mysuru, Nov.3- Dr. Renu Agrawal, former Chief Scientist and Rural Programme Coordinator, Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru, has been nominated to the National Expert Committee of the International Cooperation Division of Department of Science and Technology (DST), Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, under Agriculture and Food Processing, to shortlist Indian Young Scientists for 1st (SCO) Young Scientists Conclave which will be hosted by India from Nov. 24 to Nov.28.

Dr. Renu Agrawal

Young Indian scientists with innovative ideas can apply for the Fellowship. This will include candidates from eight countries namely, India, China, Russia, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.

Dr. Renu has also been nominated recently in Women Fellowship of KIRAN scheme of DST in which women who had break in their careers can apply for Fellowship.

Presently, she is serving in a number of Committees of DST, Ministry of Science and Technology. She is also serving in the Sustainable Development Goal 2, Smart City in Karnataka by Government of India, mentoring interns of SDG 2 of Government of Karnataka and training the Corporators and Health Inspectors at SIUD, Mysuru.

Besides, she is an Executive Committee Member of National Academy of Biological Sciences and an Advisor at Centre for Quality and Food Safety (CQFS).

Data Entry Operators' Recruitment

Govt. announces draft rules

Bengaluru, Nov. 3- In order to facilitate direct appointment of Stenographers and Data Entry Operators in various Departments, the State Government has amended the Karnataka Civil Services (Recruitment to the posts of Stenographers and Typists) Rules, the draft of which has been published.

As per the amendment, the post of typists has been renamed as 'Data Entry Operators.' Those who possess the required qualification, can apply for this post.

The candidates who qualify in the competitive exam conducted by the Recruitment Authorities will be called for Skill Test, based on rankings in the exam. Those who score more than 50 percent marks in the Skill Test will be considered for appointment, based on the order of merit.

Teachers' appointment

TET certificate gets lifetime validity

Bengaluru, Nov. 3 (KMS&DM)- In a move that could bring cheer to thousands of teacher aspirants, the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) on Wednesday last extended the validity of Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) qualification certificate to lifetime.

Earlier, the validity of TET certificate was limited to seven years from the date of qualification. But now, this validity has been extended to lifetime, bringing much cheer to teacher aspirants.

Qualifying in the TET is mandatory for those aspiring to become teachers in Government Schools. The NCTE took the decision to extend the certificate validity of 7 years to lifetime at its 50th General Body Meeting held recently.

Meanwhile, several Teacher Bodies have welcomed the decision saying that teacher aspirants have been spared of writing the exam repeatedly.

COVID-19 impacts over 1.3 billion students across the globe: Mysore Varsity VC

Mysuru, Nov. 3- Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore (UoM) has said that 1.3 billion to 1.5 billion students and youths across the globe had been affected by the closure of Schools, Colleges and Universities over the deadly COVID-19 pandemic.

Prof. Gopalakrishna Joshi, Executive Director, Karnataka State Higher Education Council, Bengaluru, launching online adaption of "Purana Nama Chudamani" as Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, UoM; Prof. Midatala Rani, Director, UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, UoM; N.K. Lokanath, Nodal Officer, RUSA and others look on.

Presiding over the inaugural function of Rashtriya Uchhathar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)-funded video-conference hall, refresher course in Commerce and release of online adaption of the book "Purana Nama Chudamani" at the UGC-Human Resource Development Centre in Manasagangothri here recently, he said most Governments in the world have temporarily closed educational institutions to contain the spread of the pandemic. The nationwide closure of educational institutions had affected 72 per cent of the world's student population.

He said the challenges for commerce and management educators post-COVID-19 are multifold as any changes in the economic order of the world directly impacts business, commerce and trade. And the business educators must revisit their approach in order to be in tune with the growing uncertainties, technological shifts in teaching and learning process and social shifts in the student population.

In the new normal situation post-COVID-19, the ongoing crisis is forcing business educators to critically question their syllabi.

Stating that human strength comes from diversity — ideas, systems, economies and people — and business education syllabi will need to evolve to provide such diversity, he said "we need to develop and deliver courses that help decision makers deal with complex problems and uncertainty."

The VC said virtual and remote education will continue to increase. This will ideally increase access to students while reducing some of their costs to participate. "We can shape the evolving educational landscape to help business leaders of the future make better decisions that enable the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals," he said adding that business education will need to give more space to teaching about societal impacts and humanistic concerns.

Prof. Gopalakrishna Joshi, Executive Director, Karnataka State Higher Education Council, Bengaluru; Prof. Midatala Rani, Director, UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, UoM and N.K. Lokanath, Nodal Officer, RUSA and Director, PMEB, UoM, were present on the occasion.

District Minister urged to recommend Intl. sportsperson from Mysuru for *Padma Shri*

Mysuru, Nov. 3 (PM&DM)- Former Mayor Purushotham has urged District Minister S.T. Somashekar and Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha to recommend the name of senior international sportsperson of city M. Sukumar for the prestigious '*Padma Shri*' award this year. Addressing a press meet here recently, Purushotham said that Sukumar, who is a swimmer and a handball player of repute, had represented the State and the country in many national and international meets.

M. Sukumar

Besides being a good swimmer and a handball player, he has coached individuals and teams, with many of them going on to win medals, he said and added that Sukumar has also rendered service as a sports commentator and administrator.

Pointing out that Sukumar is into sports for over five decades, the former Mayor urged the District Minister, the MP and the State Government to recognise the services of Sukumar and recommend his name for the prestigious award.

Self-defence training class for women

RJ (Radio Jockey) Avinash seen inaugurating the self-defence training class for women, organised as part of Vijayadashami at Oshokai Fitness Training Centre in city recently as Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) M.S. Geetha Prasanna, Kautilya Vidyalaya Principal and Secretary Dr. L. Savitha and Oshokai Fitness Training Centre Founder Krishnamurthy look on. Picture right shows DCP M.S. Geetha Prasanna sparring with a dummy on the occasion.

WORD OF THE DAY

Adduce

Pronunciation: uh-DOOSS.
Meaning: To offer as example, reason, or proof in discussion or analysis.
Origin: We won't lead you astray over the history of adduce; it is one of a plethora of familiar words that trace to the Latin root dūcere, which means "to lead." Perhaps we can induce you to deduce a few other dūcere offspring if we offer a few hints about them. One is a synonym of kidnap, one's a title for a British royal, and one's another word for decrease. There are your leads; here are the answers. They are abduct, duke, and reduce, respectively. There are also many others, including induce, which means "to persuade" or "to bring about."
Example: "She was tranquil, yet her tranquility was evidently constrained; and as her confusion had before been adduced as a proof of her guilt, she worked up her mind to an appearance of courage." — Mary Shelley, Frankenstein, 1818.

THE ODD WORD

Abessive

Indicating absence or lack.

IDIOM OF THE DAY

Abide with me

Meaning: The name of the well-known Christian hymn, written by Henry Francis Lyte in 1847. A plea for God to be always present, in one's life and through death.
Origin: The first verse of Abide with Me is traditionally sung at the English FA Cup Final (every year since 1927). It was also sung at the wedding of Queen Elizabeth II and at that of her father, George VI.

Abide With Me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
Not a brief glance I beg, a passing word;
But as Thou dwell'st with Thy disciples, Lord,
Familiar, condescending, patient, free.
Come not to sojourn, but abide with me.

QUOTE BOX

People tend to think that money makes them strong, but it's those that learn to survive without it, are truly the stronger.— **Anthony Liccione**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

M1Y L1I1F1E

Answer: For once in my life.

SUDOKU

	5			1				
8		7	6	4				
	1		8		2			
2		4		9				
7								6
				8		9		5
			7		1		6	
				6	9	5		8
				2			7	

Answer to previous puzzle

3	7	6	4	1	9	5	2	8
8	2	1	6	3	5	4	9	7
5	9	4	2	8	7	1	6	3
1	5	7	3	2	6	9	8	4
2	6	8	7	9	4	3	1	5
9	4	3	8	5	1	6	7	2
4	8	5	9	6	2	7	3	1
6	1	2	5	7	3	8	4	9
7	3	9	1	4	8	2	5	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 One of fifty two in one year
5 Affected or pretentious
9 Mumbai's terminus
12 Balsam
13 Our Prime Minister Narendra ___
14 Marsupial (colloq.)
15 Mr. Kapoor of "Beta" fame
16 Thwarting or restraining
18 Surfeit or excess
20 Tripoli is its capital
21 Offensiveness
23 Commanded
25 National Coal Board, abbr.
26 Fruit drinks
28 Journey far on foot
32 One hundred forty nine in Roman numerals?
33 One as a prefix
34 Easy on the ___ : pleasant to look at?
35 Flat
37 Kind of cheese
39 Chinese sauce
40 Long fishes
42 Skips or overlooks
44 Slow way of speaking
47 Murky fog
48 Salve
51 It counts as one
54 Frequently
55 Charles Lamb's pseudonym?
56 Rip
57 __ culpa: an admission of guilt
58 Depend
59 Type of TV input

DOWN

1 International racqueteer gp.?
2 A long time
3 Qualified, suitable or fitting
4 Popular tourist destination in North India
5 Legspinner ___ Mishra
6 Read-Only Memory
7 Telegu Desam Party, acronym
8 Surrender
9 Child's bed
10 Electronics giant
11 Roman robe
17 Food regimen
19 Thurman of Kill Bill
21 Fairy tale beginning
22 604 in Rome
23 Curves or turns
24 Our continent
27 Fight between two people
29 Gave up one's office or position
30 Small island
31 Lock openers
36 "Went" anagram for a little creature
38 Mother in short
41 Man's name
43 An opening or entrance
44 Grim fate or destiny
45 Found in many places
46 Pilaster - "at an" anagram?
47 Remain
49 Estimated life expectancy
50 Naught or nothing
52 I think therefore _ __? (1,2)
53 Three as a prefix

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

M	O	A	S	■	B	A	A	L	■	O	H	M
A	R	C	H	■	A	C	T	A	■	N	E	S
R	E	N	O	■	D	I	S	P	L	A	Y	S
C	O	E	R	C	E	D	■	D	E	N	■	■
■	■	■	T	I	N	■	H	O	W	D	A	H
B	A	G	E	L	■	D	O	G	■	O	B	E
L	R	O	N	■	D	I	B	■	A	F	A	R
A	T	R	■	K	I	P	■	L	I	F	T	S
B	I	G	W	I	G	■	T	I	M	■	■	■
■	■	E	E	L	■	S	E	L	L	I	N	G
P	R	O	B	L	E	M	S	■	E	S	A	U
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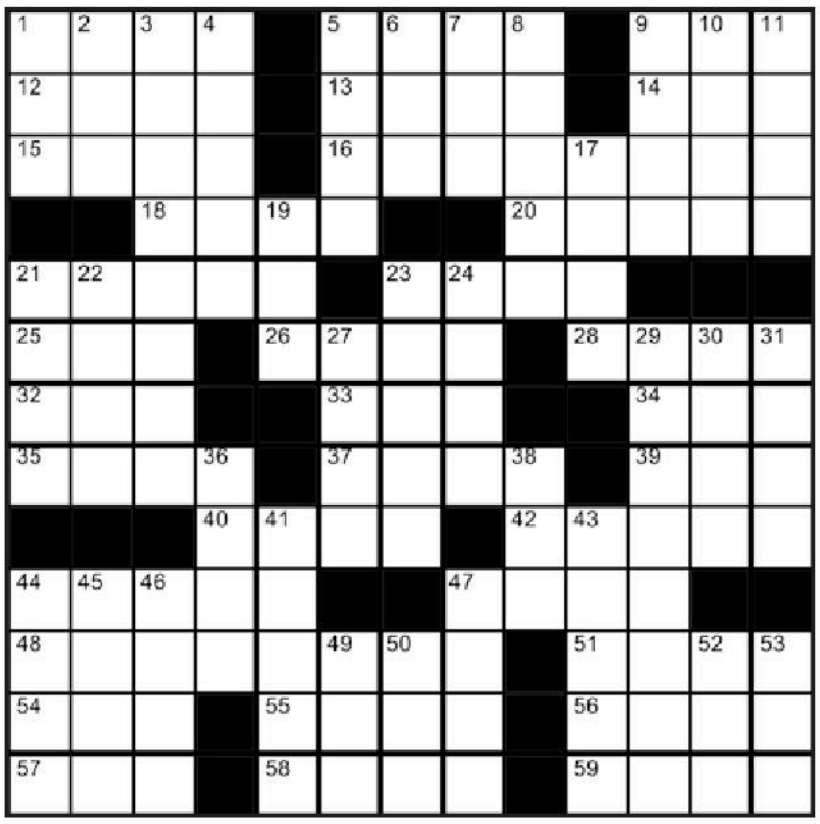

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

CW'T PSW UPSFMV WVKW XU RS SFH YUTW;

TSEUWCEUT XU VKGU WS RS XVKW'T HUOFCHUR.

TODAY'S CLUE: X EQUALS W

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: When your friends begin to flatter you on how young you look, it's a sure sign you're getting old.

'Ekalavya', 'Kreeda Ratna' and 'Kreeda Poshaka' awards conferred

CM exhorts to achieve excellence in sports

Bengaluru, Nov. 3 (KMS& SSV)- Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa presented 'Ekalavya', 'Kreeda Ratna' and 'Kreeda Poshaka' awards at a colourful function organised by Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES) yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, he said it was the wish of Prime Minister Narendra Modi that Indian sports persons must win the maximum number of medals in 2028 Olympics to be held in Los Angeles. In this, the contribution of Karnataka sports persons must be significant. Modi also wanted India to be in league of top ten nations in winning the maximum number of medals. Efforts were going on in this endeavour. The athletes must not be satisfied just by winning the medals but must strive hard to hoist the Indian Tricolour in international sports events. "You must give attention to your health too," he added.

Yediyurappa said Ekalavya, a character in the epic *Mahabharata* was an ace archer and he gave away his right thumb as 'Guru Dakshina' to his mentor. In his name, the State Government would give the award for achieving excellence in sports. Ekalavya was a role model for the youths to achieve whatever possible in their respective fields.

Even the coaches were being encouraged for working as the force behind in preparing the athletes. The Government of India has effectively implemented programmes like Khel India and Fit India and the Government of Karnataka is ready to extend all its co-operation.

Tourism, Kannada & Culture and Sports Minister C.T. Ravi, who too spoke, said sports will be part of curriculum in the New Education Policy (NEP) and it will come into effect from the next academic year. Thereafter, sports will get the same importance as other subjects. The State Govt. could not present Ekalavya and other awards since last 3 years due to some reasons and they are given now.

However, the function was held in simple manner due to COVID-19. The Government has decided to reimburse the annual fees of sports persons and give other facilities like scholarships. Karnataka has the credit of having the maximum number of synthetic track. "I want every athlete to realise dreams of Modi to bag maximum number of medals in 2028 Olympics," he added.

Dy.CM Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan, Revenue Minister R. Ashok and Shivajinagar MLA Rizwan Arshad were present.

Namma Mysuru achievers

While a daughter of a mason has bagged 'Ekalavya' award, another girl of agricultural labourer parents and son of a person who works in a small hotel have bagged 'Kreeda Ratna' award. All the three hail from Mysuru district. Born and brought up in poverty, these three athletes are trying to find a bright future in sports.

Minister C.T. Ravi presenting Ekalavya award to Reena George as CM B.S. Yediyurappa and MLC & Karnataka Olympic Association President K. Govindaraj look on.

Reena George

She is the daughter of Varghese George and Catherine of Mysuru. Her father works as mason. She has bagged Ekalavya award for the year 2017 for her achievements in State and National athletic (Running) event. She was guided by B.G. Manjunath, Anand Shetty, Balu Shetty, Damodhar, Indian Camp Coach B.G. Vijay and Riyaz Mohammed to achieve the feat. It was her uncle Lazar who identified the hidden talent in her and encouraged her to take up sports. **"I will participate in the coming Olympics and win the medal for my country," said Reena, who is employed with Central Excise & Customs, Mysuru.**

M. Veena

An ace kho-kho player, she is daughter of Mahadevaswamy and Madalambika, both agricultural labourers who work in fields at Kurubur village in T. Narasipur taluk. She has bagged Kreeda Ratna award for the year 2017. She has been practicing for the last 10 years. So far, she has participated in 40 national level tournaments and an international event. She has bagged gold medal in South Asian Games Championship held in Assam in 2016. In 2019, Veena secured gold in 53rd Seniors National event in Chhattisgarh. She is a recipient of Jhansi Rani Lakshmibai Award. She is being coached by Manjunath since 2010.

Rakshit

He is the son of Shankar and Geetha. His father runs a small hotel in Mysuru. He has secured Kreeda Ratna award for this excellent achievement in Kabaddi for the year 2019. Rakshit had represented Karnataka for 4 times and national team for 5 times. His team had bagged gold medal in Asian Championship (2016). He has played in senior national level tourney. He has played for 'Telugu Titans' team in Pro-Kabaddi event. He was coached by Anil Kumar of Young Star Sports Club and Satish Kumar of Alva's. **"I have passion for this sport since my childhood days. Everything is possible if you have aim in your life,"** he said.

Kodagu district gets lion's share

From left: Kambiranda Ponnamma, Chendanda Nikin Thimmaiah, Puliyanda L. Thimmanna, Channapanda Prince Karumbaiah, B.D. Lavanya and Pallavi

Sports persons from Kodagu district have bagged maximum number of awards announced by the DYES for 2017, 2018 and 2019. While three hockey players have won 'Ekalavya Award', another hockey player has got 'Lifetime Achievement Award' and two Ball Badminton players have bagged 'Kreeda Ratna Award.'

Ekalavya Award

Kambiranda Ponnamma (Mallamada), an international hockey player from Ponnampet in Kodagu, had represented the country for the first time and has bagged the award for the year 2017.

While Chendanda Nikin Thimmaiah, Olympic hockey player, has bagged the award for 2018, another intl. hockey player Puliyanda L. Thimmanna of Virajpet has bagged the award for 2019.

Lifetime Achievement

Channapanda Prince Karumbaiah, a hockey player and senior coach, has been awarded 'Lifetime Achievement Award.' He had played major role in bringing synthetic track to Sports Authority of India, Madikeri.

Kreeda Ratna Award

B.D. Lavanya hails from Basavanahalli in Somwarpet taluk and has achieved excellence in Ball Badminton. She has bagged the award for 2018. Pallavi of Shivaralli in Kodlipet of Madikeri, is another Ball Badminton player who has bagged Kreeda Ratna award for the same year.

While Ekalavya Award carries a bronze statue of Ekalavya and a cash prize of Rs. 2 lakh, Life Achievement Award carries a cash reward of Rs. 1.5 lakh and Kreeda Ratna carries a cash prize of Rs.1 lakh and a citation.

Where did you buy this bangle?

Yenamma yelli tagonde bale" (Where did you buy this bangle?) was a casual query by CM B.S. Yediyurappa to an 'Ekalavya' awardee during the award ceremony yesterday.

The CM, who is otherwise found reserved, indulged in a casual talk with swimmer **Kushi Dinesh** of Bengaluru who was seated to receive the honour. Kushi, in response to the CM, said: "No sir, this is not gold bangle." Smilingly, the CM said: "When you attend such functions, you should wear a gold bangle." He also asked in which sports you have won the award to which she said 'swimming' with a broad smile on her face.

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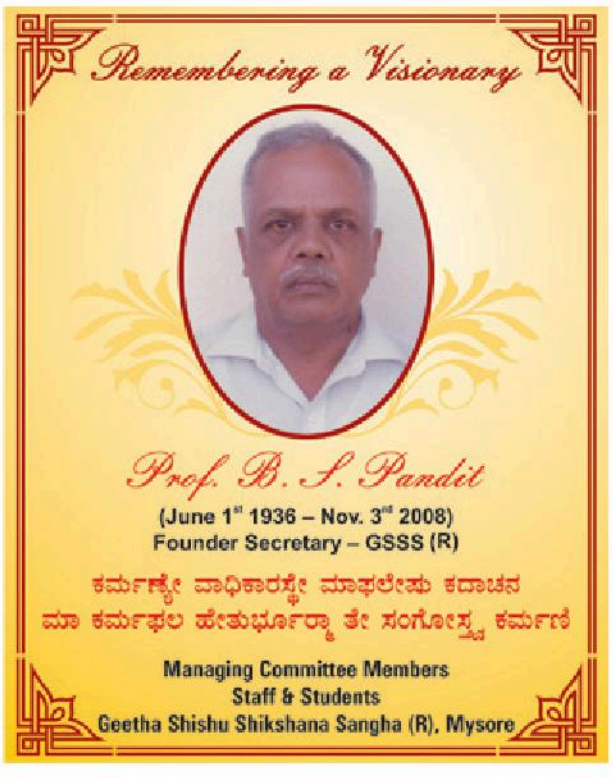
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